

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 'T 16'

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1900317.005

Medium: Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 26 September 2019

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 26 September 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is a highly sexualised photo of a naked teenage girl. It is classified as objectionable because of the degree to which and the manner in which it exploits the nudity of its young subject. The availability of images eroticising young teenaged girls' nudity are designed to appeal to the male gaze, and encourage the notion that young persons are sexually available and legitimate objects of adult sexual desire, perpetuating the sexual exploitation of young and vulnerable members of society. The premature sexualisation of young persons and the fashioning of them as objects of adult sexual fantasy and desire is a concern in New Zealand society. This classification limits the right to freedom of expression contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 but is a justified limitation on that right in order to prevent injury to the public good and reflects the concern of New Zealanders to limit material that sexualises young teenage girls.